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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO AHIDJO

REF: STATE 56883

1. IN ANTICIPATION AHIDJO RE-ELECTION APRIL 5, PROPOSE FOL-  
LOWING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO HIM FROM PRESIDENT FORD.  
TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THIS WILL BE PRESIDENT FORD'S FIRST MESSAGE  
TO AHIDJO. INCLUSION THEREIN OF REFERENCES TO LATTER'S STATE-  
MENTS AT RECENT DOUALA PARTY CONGRESS WILL, WE BELIEVE, BE  
WARMLY RECEIVED AND APPRECIATED.

2. BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RE-ELECTION  
AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON AND MY BEST  
WISHES FOR THE EVER-GROWING UNITY AND PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE  
OF CAMEROON UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP.

MAY THE NEXT FIVE YEARS BUILD UPON THE COOPERATION WHICH HAS  
MARKED THE PAST ASSOCIATION OF OUR TWO NATIONS TO HELP MEET  
THE GOAL YOU DEFINED SO ELOQUENTLY AT YOUR RECENT PARTY CON-  
GRESS OF "A WORLD WHERE PEOPLES ARE EQUAL AND FREED FROM DOMI-  
NATION AND FEAR". THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL PEOPLES, IN-  
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CLUDING THOSE OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES, REQUIRES A SPIRIT OSUBOTH

SELF-RELIANT DEVELOPMENT (DEVELOPPEMENT AUTO-CEHHRE) AT HOME  
AND PARTNERSHIP ABROAD O CREATE THE BETTER WORLD WE SEEK FOR  
OUR CHILDREN.

TO MEET THESE FUTURE CHALLENGES, IT IS THE DESIRE AND INTENT  
OF MY GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN WHAT YOU FELI-  
CITOUSLY DESCRIBED AT THE DOUALA CONGRESS AS THE MUTUALLY  
BENEIFICAL FRIENDSHIP THAT SO HAPPILY LINKS CAMEROON AND THE  
UNITED STATES.

SINCERELY,  
GERALD A. FORD

END QUOTE.  
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